of J and K requesting for assistance from the Government of Indi'a and its agencies in providing marketing support to the artisans of the State.

Loans for setting up Spinning Mills in Bihar

1480. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will *t'ne* Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that three spinning mills are being set up in Bihar on the turn-key basis;

(b) whether it is also a fact t'hat the construction work of these mitls has since been completed;

fc) whether it is also a fact that term loans required for these mills have not yet been granted by the Industrial Development Bank of India and National Co-operative Development Corporation; and

(d) if so, by when the loans are likely to be granted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE TN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY (SHRI NIHAR RANJAN LASKAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Civil construction work is in progress.

(c) and (d) TTie National Cooperative Development Cooperation has under a Central Sector Scbeme for Handloom "Weavers Cooperative Spinning Mil's, sanctioned a " loan assistance of Rs. 896.S07 lakhs for helping the State of Bihar to take part in the share capital of these mills and has already reimbursed an amount of Rs. 199.23 lakhs to the Sflete Government. The Industrial Development Bank of Indi'a have sanctioned assistance or two of these units.

Hike in Defence expenditure by Pakistan

1481. SHRT NARENDRA STNGH: Wil! the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

fa) tfflefher Government's attention lias *bet* 4 drawn to the reported hike in defence expenditure by about 20 per cent by Pakistan in their budget for 1984-85; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THB MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) The Governmen* have seen media reports to the effect that Pakistan has made a substantial increase in its defence budget this year. No confirmed information in this regard is, however, available.

(b) Our plans for defence preparedness are periodically updated taking into consideration all factors having on our security.

केन्द्रीय उत्पाद-शुल्क अधिकारियों द्वारा एक फर्म पर छापा

1482. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय:** क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि केन्द्रीय आबकारी विभाग के अधिकारियों ने मई के पहले सप्ताह में रेफ्रिजरेटरों और एअर कंडीशनरों के फालतू पुर्जों की निर्माता एक फर्म के परिसर पर छापा मार कर करीब 1.29 करोड़ रुपये की उत्पादशुल्क की चोरी का पता लगाया है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ;

(ग) वर्ष 1983-84 में इस फर्म से अब तक कितने रुपए की शुल्क राशि वसूल की गई है ; और

(घ) उत्पाद शुल्क का भुगतान न करने के लिए फर्म के विरुद्ध क्या कार्रवाई की गई है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एस. एम. कृष्णा): (क) और (ख) ऐसा प्रतीत होता है कि जनवरी, 1984 में मैसर्स फ्रीजिडेयर इण्डस्ट्रीज (पा) लि., नई दिल्ली के परिसर पर मारे गये छापे के बारे में प्रश्न पूछा गया है । यह आरोप लगाया गया है कि प्रशीतकों और वातानुकूलकों के फालतू पुर्जे बनाने वाले उक्त निर्माता ने उत्पादन शुल्कय माल का न्यून मूल्यांकन किया है । पिछले